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1. WITHOUT REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTTEL, WE RAISED WITH WORKING LEVEL EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS THE QUESTION OF FRANCE AND THE ZANGGER COMMITTEE. THOSE OFFICIALS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, WHICH CONFIRMS AND SUPPLEMENTS THAT CONTAINED IN REFTTEL.

2. BELGIUM FORMALLY INFORMED THE COMMISSION AT THE END OF JUNE OF THE OBLIGATIONS WHICH EC NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES WOULD ASSUME PURSUANT TO THE ZANGGER COMMITTEE PROPOSALS. THIS WAS DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 103 OF THE EURATOM TREATY, WHICH REQUIRE MEMBER STATES TO
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COMMUNICATE TO THE COMMISSION ANY DRAFT AGREEMENT ON MATTERS

WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE EURATOM TREATY.

3. THE COMMISSION REPLIED AT THE END OF JULY THAT THE PROPOSED OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE ZANGGER GUIDELINES WERE IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE EURATOM TREATY. THE COMMISSION STATED, HOWEVER, THAT IT APPRECIATED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GOALS OF THE ZANGGER GUIDELINES AND WAS, THEREFORE, PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE RESULTING CONFLICT WITH THE SIX MEMBER STATES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE ZANGGER COMMITTEE.

4. BELGIUM THEN INFORMED THE OTHER EIGHT EURATOM MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMISSION'S OPINION. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, THE SIX EC MEMBER STATES WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE ZANGGER COMMITTEE HAVE MET INFORMALLY TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION AND HAVE BILATERALLY ASKED FRANCE TO INDICATE ITS INTENTIONS IN THIS REGARD. NO RESPONSE HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED BY THOSE MEMBER STATES FROM FRANCE. COMMISSION OFFICIALS REMAIN MODERATELY OPTIMISTIC, HOWEVER, THAT FRANCE WILL "BEHAVE IN THE FUTURE IN THIS FIELD EXACTLY AS STATES ADHERING TO THE NPT."
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